

Southeastern Club Women Meet At Tuskegee Institute July 6-8

ing and evening.

The Southeastern Federation of the National Federation of Colored Women will meet in biennial convention at Tuskegee Institute, Ala., this week-end, July 6-8. Theme of this year's meeting is "Yesterday's Achievements, Tomorrow's Challenges".

Mrs. Ora Brown Stokes will preside at the introductory meeting in the Tuskegee Home Economics Building beginning at ten o'clock. The Rev. T. R. Newman will render invocation, following which delegates will register and each state delegate will render a five-minute pep talk.

Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Rebecca Stiles Taylor presiding, minutes of the last biennial meeting will be read by Mrs. A. Scott, minutes of the national meeting in Boston will be read by

Noted Leaders To Participate In 3-Day Event

Miss Flora Chisholm and a report of the Boston meeting will be made by Mrs. H. M. Gibbs.

Saturday evening, a tea will be given at the home of Mrs. T. M. Campbell.

MASS MEETING SUNDAY

A mass meeting will be held Sunday afternoon with Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown presiding. Dr. F. D. Patterson will welcome the women to Tuskegee, while Mrs. H. M. Gibbs will give the welcome to the state of Alabama. Mrs. A. G. Mickins, Florida president, will respond to the welcome addresses. Mrs. O. B. Stokes will give the president's annual address. Mrs. R. R. Moton, national president, will bring greetings. Addresses are slated by T. M. Campbell.

A motorcade will follow the day afternoon meeting.

Final reports and installation of officers will be held Monday morn-

Wisconsin Association Of Colored Women's Clubs Closes Madison Meeting

MADISON, (INS)—The seventeenth session of the Wisconsin State Association of Colored Women's Clubs closed July 2 at Mount Zion Baptist church in Madison, Wisconsin, with Mrs. Mayme Anderson, president of the Association, giving the charge to the associating clubs to enlarge their membership in both city federation and state federation.

Mrs. Anderson based much of her speech upon a skit by the city federation under the direction of Mrs. I. M. Coggs. The skit depicted the efforts of federated clubs in enlarging their club membership. Following the skit was a motion picture showing the recreation camp of the Milwaukee Urban League and a tuberculosis film entitled, "Let My People Live," by Mr. Williard Bushman. Mrs. Mayme Anderson was presented a beautiful gift by the Madison delegates as was Mrs. Clara M. Whitman who is titled mother of the Wisconsin association.

There were over 40 delegates representing Milwaukee, Madison, and Racine federated clubs. Included in that number were the delegates from the three cities to the state association of colored girls. Their program was on Tuesday afternoon which included recitation and solos and a round table discussion by the Milwaukee delegates Ruth Kelley, Magnolia Lockett, Willie Mae Abbott and Jeanette Jackson.

No officers were elected because election is held every other year. Next meeting will be in Milwaukee. Programs were donated by Miss Bernice Copeland. The association joined the cancer prevention drive of the state. Among things on exhibition at the association were quilts and needle work under the direction of the arts and

crafts committees.

STATE WOMEN FROM 30 CITIES ATTEND CONFAB

Old Dominion Delegates
Close 4-Day Session

With Pageant

7-13-40

By LEE F. RODGERS

PORTSMOUTH, Va.—This city threw open its doors to Virginia club women when more than six score women's clubs from more than 30 cities and towns of the Old Dominion sent delegates and visitors to attend the Virginia State Federation of Colored Women's clubs, June 15-28.

Headquarters of the federation were located in historic Zion Baptist church, and most of the sessions were held here, while public meetings were also held in Emanuel A.M.E. church and Ebenezer Baptist church. The federation was the guest of federated Portsmouth clubs functioning through the Portsmouth Woman's Council of Clubs.

Prominent men and women appeared on the federation program, including Commonwealth's Attorney Lawrence W. P'Anson, who welcomed the women to the city; Mrs. L. C. Smart, white club woman; Mrs. Lillie Mae Kirkland, white social service directress; Rev. O. C. Jones, Rev. H. N. Johnson, Rev. Charles E. Stewart, and Rev. C. T. Washington, Portsmouth minis-

ters; Dr. R. M. Cox, white, school physician, and Miss Eva E. Thomas, assistant dean of women at Hampton Institute.

The federation's program for the four days was a varied one, including reports, recommendations and resolutions; junior program; inspirational addresses, reception for the delegates and visitors, tour of Portsmouth and vicinity, and the selection of officers.

One of the highlights of the program was a pageant, "Lifting as We Climb," the federation's motto, presented by Portsmouth young people and directed by Mrs. Margaret Bond, Miss Alma Hayes, and Mrs. Beatrice Muckle.

Local talent presented musical numbers, including renditions by local choirs, a girl's quartette, vocal soloists, and instrumentalists. Sessions of the federation were held morning, afternoon and night.

Norfolk Woman President

The women endorsed work being done at Dixie hospital, Hampton, and voted an appreciation program in behalf of Mrs. Janie Porter Barrett, pioneer club woman, who plans to retire soon as superintendent of the Virginia Industrial School for Girls, at Peake, Va.

The federation advocated teaching Negro history in Race schools. An intensified program of civic instruction and use of the ballot was voiced by the federation, and college women were called upon to join in the work of the federation.

Mrs. Wanser I. Webb of Norfolk succeeded Mrs. Lizzie B. Burns of Charlottesville as president of the Virginia federation. Mrs. Burns became chairman of the Board of Control. The only reelected officer was Mrs. Hazel W. Reid of Portsmouth, again named to the post of treasurer.

Other officers for the new term are as follows: Mrs. Louella Goff of Covington, first vice president; Miss Carrie Sharp of Petersburg, second vice president; Mrs. Lillian W. Dixon of Hampton, recording secretary; Mrs. Mary F. Jennings of Portsmouth, assistant recording secretary; Mrs. Ruth W. Marshall of Culpepper, corresponding secretary; Mrs. C. E. Jones of Newport News, chairman of the executive board; Mrs. T. K. Anderson of Hampton, organizer; Mrs. W. T. Johnson of Richmond, auditor; and Mrs. W. M. Hoffler, of Suffolk, chairman of the ways and means committee.

Meet In Charlottesville

The new officers were installed by Rev. C. J. Washington on the

Council Of Negro Women To Have A Day At The Fair

Mrs. Bethune
Daily World
To Pay Tribute
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To Leading Women
Atlanta, Ga.

treasurer; F. W. Norman, recording secretary; Eunice H. Carter, parliamentarian.

7-24-48
Vivian Carter, Mason, Ora P. Stokes and Mrs. John B. Hall are members of the executive board.

Negro Womanhood Challenge To U. S., "Wings Over Jordan" Topic

The challenge of Negro womanhood is a challenge to America.

The status of the masses of Negro woman in the United States has been fixed by the economic and social forces of the past. As a Negro mother, I can sympathize with the heartbroken mothers of Germany, Italy, Ethiopia, Norway, Belgium, Holland, Czechoslovakia, England and France. Mothers are mothers the world over, whether they be white or black.

Today weaker nations are being trampled under the iron heel of dictatorship. It is indeed time for the united womanhood of the world to speak out in the name of justice, freedom, democracy and economic equality. Mothers have to pay the most in tears and sufferings for the inhumanity of man to man.

Therefore, ladies and gentle of the radio audience, I bring to you the challenge of Negro womanhood. I am fully aware that we have in America Negro women like Miss Marian Anderson, the singer; Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune an advisor to President Roosevelt on Negro Affairs; Mrs. Douglass Johnson, the lyric poet; Miss Zora Neal Hurston, the eminent novelist and anthropologist. Any one with a passing acquaintance with a higher levels of Negro life is familiar with the dark aristocrats pictured in the four novels of Miss Jessie Fauset. There was a time when an educated Negro woman was a phenomenon. That day has passed thanks to a few opportunities of American culture.

Challenge From Depths
The challenge comes to Mr. and Mrs. America from the great masses of Negro women who live on peonage farms, in dilapidated tenements, in the miserable shacks across the railroad tracks. This morning I make my appeal on behalf of the broken-down washerwoman, the underpaid cook, the suffering wives of Negro farmers, the servant girls slaving for a bare livelihood and the thousands of young women who are forced into a life of vice and crime because they do not

have a chance to make a decent living. Negro freedom. He writes:

8-1-48
No doubt some of you have just finished reading Richard Wright's powerful novel, "Native Son," the tragic story of what the slums of Chicago did to the underfed and underclothed Negroes on the Southside. And no doubt you read John Steinbeck's "The Grapes of Wrath." These two books shocked me and educated me. Dr. William Durant was right when he said: "Nothing educates us like a hock."

Repeats Her Challenge

Through the eyes of Richard Wright, the Negro novelist, and John Steinbeck, the white novelist, I saw what poverty can do to the women of America. I shall never forget Bessie, the Negro servant girl in "Native Son." This morning there are a million overworked, life-starved Negro women like Bessie. The challenge to Mr. and Mrs. America is the challenge of a million Negro Bessies.

America must arm herself morally as well as militarily. America must come to realize the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man. The rights of life and the pursuit of happiness must be within the reach of every American woman. No longer must it be said of the Negro woman that she is the last to be hired and the first to be fired; the last to get on relief and the first to get off.

What can the woman of America do? I believe that we should initiate a program of civic, social, educational, health and economic improvement. We should go into the homes of these underprivileged Negro women, study their problems first-hand and bring order out of chaos. Thus, in our humble way we will help to rearm America. It must be remembered that no nation can rise above its women.

My sentiments on Negro Womanhood are vividly expressed by Professor Melvin B. Tolson, of Wiley College, poet laureate of the American Negro Exposition being held now in Chicago, to commemorate 75 years of

The Negro woman cries today:

"I want to live.
I have a noble work to do,
A life to give."

The Negro woman's courage stood in days gone by.
The sold upon the auction block
Her head was high.

The Negro woman plowed the fields
And reaped the grain,
And dreamed the dreams of womanhood

When dreams were vain.

The Negro woman cooked and washed,

For ladies fair,
So that her sons and daughters might

Climb up the stair.

The Negro woman now demands Democracy.

She challenges America
To set her free.

A Colored Judge
MRS. C. E. WHITEMORE
Sunday's "Wings Over Jordan" speaker chose as her subject, "The Challenge of Negro Womanhood." Behind her is a background of birth in Little Rock, Ark.; education at Philander Smith College and Wiley College; years as instructor of mathematics at New Orleans College English and Latin at Wiley, and public school subjects at Shreveport; long active membership in the Methodist Church and now at St. Paul's; member of National Association for Colored Women, Louisiana State Teachers Congress (vice president); City Federation of Colored Women's Clubs (president).

NEW YORK—(ANP)—Climaxing the week long celebration of Negro week at the World's fair, the National Council of Negro Women will do honor to 18 outstanding Negro women in a meeting to be held in the Administration building at the fair, Saturday, July 27, 2 to 4 p.m. Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, national president of the council, will make her first public appearance since her illness when she pays tribute to the ability of these women. A program of interest to all has been arranged by the committee in charge and some 800 guests have been invited. It will not be necessary to enter the fair to be present at the meeting as the Administration building is without the fair grounds. Following the meeting, a tour of the grounds will be taken.

Those to be honored on NCNW Day are: Marian Anderson, Augusta Savage, Ethel Waters, Dorothy Ferebee, Sadye T. Alexander, Leithia Alexander, Edythe Sampson Clayton, Christine Caldwell, Dorothy Hendrickson, Lois Jones, Buena Kelly, Dorothy Maynor, Abbie Mitchell, Evelyn Reynolds, Reba Speaks, Sara Spencer Washington, Gertrude Ayer, and Mrs. M. L. Lawton.

Mrs. Ollie M. Porter, socialite teacher and president of the local council, is chairman of the committee of arrangements which includes Bessie Bearden, Arena Malory Belden, Rosa Blocker, Elizabeth Bray, Adele Carter, Eunice Carter, Thelma Carter, V. Esme Dear, Juanita Dix, Florence Gibbs, Ruth Handy, Helen Holman, Eugenia Hope, Marie Howard, Sybil Hunt, Helen Smith Irvin, Phillis Joyce, Angelina Lynch, Florence K. Norman, Carita Roane, Gertrude A. Robinson, Julia C. Robinson, Ida Ross, Pereta Scott and Mabel K. Staupers.

National officers of the NCNW are Mrs. Bethune, president; Charlotte Hawkins Brown, first vice-president; Estella Riddle, second vice-president; Carita Roane, executive secretary; Bessie Bearden,

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WOMANS' WORK- 1940

World Head Club Women

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Atlanta, Ga.

Mrs. Rebecca Stiles Taylor, founder and past president of the Savannah Federation of Women, past president of the Georgia State Federation, founder and past president of the Southeastern Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, who will be presented as a candidate for the presidency of the National Association of Colored Women at its 22nd biennial convention in Oklahoma City, July, 1941. An experienced journalist, Mrs. Taylor at present is a columnist for the Chicago Defender.

Institute Planned For Negroes

Macon Telegraph
A state mission institute for Negro women will be held Aug. 1, at the Tremont Temple Baptist church, Cotton avenue, beginning at 10 o'clock this morning.

Macon, Ga.
Nannie Burroughs of Washington, D. C. will lead a forum at 11:40 o'clock and will speak again in the afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mabola Ayorinde of Nigeria, Africa, will make an address at 12:15 o'clock.

Miss Kathleen Mallory of Birmingham, Ala., executive secre-

tary of WMU, Southern Baptist Convention, will speak at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. Frank Burney, Waynesboro, president of the Georgia WMU will speak at 3:30 o'clock. White WMU workers are invited. Each one attending will bring an individual lunch and tea will be served.

Negro Women Participate In W. C. T. U.

Chicago Defender
CHICAGO. — (ANP) — When the National Women's Christian Temperance Union met in convention at the Hotel Stevens here recently, Negro women took an active part. Among the colored delegation were Mrs. Violet Hill Whyte, Baltimore; Mrs. Claude Hopewell, Chicago; and Mrs. Esther B. Isaacs, Los Angeles, who spoke on "The Needs of the Negro" at one of the convention sessions.

The Royal Temperance League Echo Service was participated in by eight colored children, trained by Mrs. Hopewell, and the White Ribbon Recruits included three other children.

A special feature of the Sunday session, was music by the Olivet choir, which was enthusiastically received. The choir, under the direction of Napoleon Reed, was heard in several renditions. Another interesting contribution of Negro delegates were the hand painted posters, made by Mrs. Hopewell, which hung in the foyer of the Stevens, Chicago's largest hotel, depicting objectives of the W. C. T. U.

Gets Appointment



Black Dispatch
Miss Marguerite McCleary, 1940 graduate of the Atlanta University School of Social Work, has recently been appointed to a position on the staff of the House of the Holy Child, Spring House, Pennsylvania, one of the out-

standing institutions for the care and training of Negro girls. Miss McCleary brings to her present position a wealth of experience, having served as a case worker with the Duval County, Florida Emergency Relief Administration, as a senior visitor with the Florida State Welfare Board and as an adult education teacher. She is a member of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority, and is very well known throughout social circles of the East and South.

Oklahoma Federation Of Colored Women to Meet In McAlester for Annual Parley

Black Dispatch
Oklahoma City Okla 8-31-40
Major H. C. McCormick, T. P. Scott, and Wm. Hazel Are Guest Speakers

City Mayor To Welcome Group

McALESTER, Okla.—Club women from all over the state gathered here Wednesday for the annual meeting of the Oklahoma Federation of Colored Women, presided over by Mrs. L. E. Kiff, president, Muskogee. The program is scheduled to continue through Thursday, August 29.

The theme of the meeting is "Every Woman in Oklahoma a Federated Club Worker Meeting the Needs of Today and Building For Tomorrow." Guest speakers for the event include heads of three of the state institutions, among whom are Major H. C. McCormick, superintendent of the state hospital for insane; T. P. Scott, head of D. B. and O., Taft; and Wm. Hazel of the Boy's Training School, Boley.

The formal welcome program was staged Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. The opening exercises were followed by a welcome message by Mayor Joe Bell. Rev. J. L. Hawkins extended welcome on behalf of the Ministerial Alliance of the city; Mrs. Joe Rogers, president of the Federation of White Women's Clubs; Mr. Lon Butler on behalf of Negro business men. Judge Wm. Hailey spoke for the citizenry of McAlester. Music for the program was by the Federated Musical Department in charge of Mrs. Ellen Robinson. The appointment of committees was made and past presidents and officers were presented. During the afternoon the departmental reports were heard as follows: Health and Hygiene, Mrs. Loraine Rogers, Chickasha; Child Welfare, Mrs. E. M. Watson, Shawnee; Mother's Department, Mrs. J. Hibler, Muskogee; Religion, Mrs. L. Motley, Tulsa; and Peace, Mrs. Willa Strong, McAlester. Outstanding contributions to the program were made by Mrs. Katie Duckery, Tulsa, who spoke on "Negro Women in Industry," and Mrs. Jessie Suggs, Okmulgee, who addressed the group on "Negro Women in Business." Reports on Citizenship were made by Mrs. L. A. Hill, Boley; Education, Mrs. E. M. Dobson, Taft, and Interracial Activities, Mrs. Kath-

erine Hewitt Cooper, Luther. Music was in charge of Mrs. N. W. Greene of Muskogee.

The meeting opened Thursday morning in charge of Mrs. E. Art, Mrs. R. L. Granger, Muskogee.

Mrs. Kiff, president, gave her morning annual message Wednesday evening on the program presided over by Mrs. Geneva Weaver, first vice president, Muskogee. The following Domestic Science, Mrs. made. The afternoon activities Thurs-

Negro Women To Meet In D. C.

Daily World Atlanta, Ga.
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WASHINGTON, D. C.—(ANP)—Members of the National Council of Negro Women of the U. S., Inc., this week speeded up plans for the council's 6th annual conference to be held here Oct. 24-26, at the Department of Labor building on Constitution avenue.

Giving a preview of convention activities, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, Council leader and head of the Negro division, NYA, stated: "Through the cooperation of our thinking women, leaders of organizations and affairs, we hope to focus our combined attention upon a few of the important and pressing problems facing us today. The theme of the conference will be 'Negro Women Continue to Face New Frontiers'."

"The board of directors, composed of presidents of affiliated organizations, heads of all standing committees and officers of the Council, will meet Thursday evening at 8:00 p. m. at the headquarters of the National Association of Colored Women, 1114 O Street, Northwest.

"On October 25, at 9 a. m. registration will begin in the conference room of the Department of Labor. All visitors and members will pay a registration fee of \$1.00. The conference will be made up of five representatives, including the national presidents and four others selected by the respective bodies of each member organization, individual or life members, who will have a vote, and interested visitors who might like to attend. Non-voting visitors are urged to take active part in open discussions.

"Friday morning general sessions will begin. Committees will meet at 1:00 p. m. In the afternoon, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt will meet with the Council for a conference at the White House followed by escort over the grounds. In the evening session will be a public meeting presenting prominent platform speakers and outstanding women musicians. The dinner conference (plates \$1.50 each) will be held in the Dining Room of the Department of Labor at 8:15 p. m. with Mrs. Borden Harriman, Minister to

Hattiesburg, Miss. American October 11, 1940 NEGRO WOMEN'S CLUBS MEETING OCT. 16-18

Negro women of Mississippi will hold the 32nd annual session of the Mississippi Federation of clubs at Columbia, Oct. 16, 17, 18, according to announcement today by the president, who is the wife of J. E. Johnson, principal of the Prentiss Normal and Industrial institute.

A jubilee celebration of the result of 20 years' efforts to obtain a state-supported school for negro youth delinquents and incorrigibles, was observed.

The last session of the legislature enacted a bill for this purpose. The president expressed to the many white friends appreciation for assistance given in establishment of the institution.

Aside from receiving reports the various clubs, the federation will be addressed by some of the leading white women in the state.

NEGROES AT CAPITAL

OCT 2 1940
440 Of National Council Visit Mrs.

Roosevelt At White House

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28—(AP)—Bessie J. Bearden of New York, treasurer of the National Council of Negro Women, today described a conference at the White House as the high spot of the council's Sixth Annual Conference now drawing to a close.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt addressed the group informally, she said, and expressed interest in the council's work among young people. Headed by Mary McLeod Bethune, president of Bethune Cookman College at Daytona Beach, Fla., and head of the negro division of the National Youth Administration, a total of 440 attended the White House session yesterday.

St. Louisans Are Active In the Tri State Conference

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A delegation of members of Business and Professional Women's Clubs of the various Y.W.C.A.'s in St. Louis, left here recently via the Eagle for Kansas City, Missouri, where a week end Tri-State Conference was held. Among the delegates from the Phyllis Wheatley Y.W.C.A. in attendance were Miss Josie Hawthorne and Mesdames Sally Parham and Mary Broussard, all members of the Alphabet (Business and Professional) Club. Unity Farm at Kansas City was the setting for this important and enjoyable conference.

Group sessions were held during which discussions centered around "Conscription", "We Would be Building" (which was the theme of the Conference), "Sense of Direction", "Group Medicine", "Our Job", "Christian Citizenship", "Consumers Cooperatives" were also in this group. "Leisure Time" was directed by Mrs. C. B. Broussard and Miss Josie Hawthorne was selected as a member of the Findings Committee.

The more than 250 girls and women, of which about 60 were Negroes, enjoyed the many activities of the convention which also included a Marshmallow Toast on Saturday evening, with poems, songs and taps featuring parts of the program. Most impressive, however, was a candlelight "Ceremony of Fellowship", further developing the theme "We would be Building."

Worship services on Sunday morning were under the leadership of Mrs. Sally Parham.

Among the representatives were delegates from Kansas City, Mo., Kansas City, Kansas, Topeka Kansas, Wichita, Kansas, Fairbury, Nebraska, Omaha Nebraska, St. Joseph, Mo., Van Buren, Kansas and St. Louis, Mo.

Omaha will be host at the next conference.

A very interesting report of the convention was given by Miss Hawthorne at the regular meeting of the Alphabet Girls on October 22.

Something Must Be Done

Shameful indeed is the manner in which the Georgia legislature has persistently ignored the gift of the \$20,000 debt-free Home for Delinquent Negro Girls at Macon.

The home, constructed on a 130-acre tract in Bibb county, formed the realization of a long-cherished dream of the hundreds of the state's club women who make up the Georgia Federation of Colored Women's clubs.

It was in 1937 when this organization of civic-minded women after many struggling years of gathering funds and draining treasuries of member clubs with the aid of the Bibb county commission and a WPA grant were finally able to complete the home and make the presentation to the state.

Since then in the face of an ever-growing need for an institution of this kind, these facilities designed to care for seventy-five girls, have remained unused unoccupied and from all appearances unwanted.

The Georgia Commission on Inter-racial Cooperation has rightfully become incensed at the state's legislature apathy toward putting into operation this badly needed institution. The charge of the commission that the state was apparently keeping the acquisition of the home a "secret" was entirely justified by the indolent attitude the legislature has thus far taken toward meeting this social need of Georgia's large body of Negro citizenry.

It should not have been necessary for the Georgia Federation of Negro Club Women to build the home. That was the job for the state. But seeing how slow the legislature was moving to solve the problem of delinquent Negro girls, these women on their own went about the arduous task of erecting the institution.

Thus it becomes doubly shameful that the state has not seen fit in view of the fact that several such institutions are being maintained for white girls, all of which were built, furnished and maintained by the state.

The state legislature, too long, has side-stepped the problem of Negro girl delinquents. The DeKalb county grand jury and the Georgia Commission on Inter-racial Cooperation have correctly insisted that something be done as promptly as possible to alleviate this deplorable situation.

Mrs. Mays Talks At 'Y' Dinner

NOV 3, 1940

Mrs. Benjamin E. Mays, speaking to business and professional women of Atlanta, some 65 of them, inspired and encouraged Negro women to seek a higher

Asked To Aid In Sponsorship



BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—(SNS)— Mrs. H. C. Bryant, who has been asked to aid in the sponsorship of the Women's Centennial Congress set for November 25-27 in New York. Mrs. Bryant was selected because of her outstanding local and national interest in women's work. The congress will review the progress of women in their fight for the ballot, property rights and other struggles.

Mrs. Bryant Is Selected For Congress Post

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—(SNS)— A signal honor was bestowed on Birmingham and its first lady of civic achievement when Mrs. H. C. Bryant was asked to act as one of the sponsors of the Women's Centennial Congress that convenes in New York City on November 25-27.

The congress will review the achievements of women in pag-eanty, song and brilliant addresses. It will recall their struggle for the suffrage and equal pay with men.

The honor came to Mrs. Bryant a few days ago and it is thought that it marks the first selection for this entire section. Mrs. Bryant is a member of the National Board of the YWCA and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Eighth Avenue Branch of the YWCA. She has been actively engaged in social and civic work for many years and is recognized nationally.

Colored women on the national committee preparing for the congress are Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Mrs. E. P. Roberts and Mrs. Francis Williams. They represent three of the most outstanding women of the nation.

way and to go on to higher and nobler things.

Mrs. Mays pointed to their need to work and do hard work. "Negro women," she said, "have always worked." She spoke of the advantages Negro women have over Negro men and of their need to use these advantages to the fullest.

Mrs. Mays' address was directed to a cross-section of business and professional women of this city with almost every field represented. The dinner meeting, held in the Savoy Hotel Banquet Hall Friday evening, was under the sponsorship of the Business and Professional Women's Club of the YWCA.

Annual Meeting Of Colored Women's Federated Clubs May 3-5

This comes as the last announcement of the Annual Meeting of Colored Women's Federated clubs. It is hoped that every club member will feel it a privilege and a duty to see that her club is represented by a large number of delegates.

There is great inspiration and much to be learned in getting together and talking over one's problems—in getting the other fellow's point of view.

To the extent that we SHARE what we have to that extent are we blessed. Let's keep in mind the saying—"What we keep, we love, what we give, we have." Then come to the meeting of the Federation for inspiration and to help devise ways and means to assist in carrying on and caring for those—the children at the Wilkinson Home—who are our charges.

Will YOU be there to help place the work for another year? Remember we need the help of EVERY one—nobody can take YOUR place.

ON TO COLUMBIA! ON TO COLUMBIA! ON TO COLUMBIA! MAY 3-5

Other interesting features of the program were remarks by Miss Irene Harris, executive secretary of the YWCA, who introduced the officers of the B. and F. Club, the rendition of Ave Maria, by Mrs. Beulah Johnson, introduction of the speaker by Miss Docia Steele, and the club program for the rest of the year which was given by Miss Katherine Smith, chairman of the club's program committee.

The universal prayer was read by Miss Ruth Morris. Throughout the course of the dinner soft and lovely music was furnished by the Atlanta Orchestra, under the direction of Mrs. Jessie Murphy Warman, well known music teacher of this city. The Atlanta Orchestra is

one of the city's oldest colored orchestras, being the first Negro orchestra to broadcast over WSB and WGST.

Miss Almita Robinson, president of B. and F. Club promises other such inspiring programs to Atlanta women.

COLORED WOMAN HEADS WHITE AUXILIARY

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Cornelius McKane, a personal aid to Governor Saltonstall will accompany Louis B. Ransom, Guardian reporter, to the installation where they will be guests of the President-elect.

Appointive officers named by Mrs. Winslow to complete the slate included secretary, Lena Lyons; patriotic instructor, Mary Watson; musician, Helen Holmes; historian, Doris Shunstrom; color bearers, Annie Callahan, Beatrice Ellis, Stella Von Beidel, and Macel Thompson; banner bearers, Alice Morse; flag bearer, Sadie Douglas. Mrs. Winslow is justly proud of the honor bestowed upon her by her comrades who upheld the true American spirit by electing the right person for the job regardless of race, color or creed. Letters of congratulation from all over New England are being received by Mrs. Winslow who resides at 518 W. Water St., Rockland.

COLORED WOMAN

HEADS WHITE

AUXILIARY

Mrs. Laura A. Winslow was elected President of the Old Colony Post V.F.W. Auxiliary of Rockland, Mass., at its annual election held at their headquarters in Church Street. Mrs. Winslow is the only colored member of the auxiliary which has an active membership of thirty-five. At a meeting on April 25 the installation of officers will be held with State department heads officiating. Lieutenant

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FEDERATION OF NEGRO WOMEN ENDS SESSION

Kinston Chosen 1941 Convention City—\$300 Raised For Efland Home.

The 32nd annual meeting of the State Federation of Negro Women, held at Palmer Memorial institute at Sedalia yesterday, heard its executive board set forth objectives including a renewed drive to secure a home for maladjusted negro girls and a campaign to encourage intelligent voting by women of their race.

A committee was named to contact the white North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs in an effort to present legislation to the

next general assembly for establishment of an institution for negro girls. One purpose of the convention, the board said, was "to encourage negro women to register and vote intelligently for men and women and principles rather than parties."

The negro clubwomen raised \$300 to be applied to indebtedness of the Efland home for girls, and selected Kinston as their next meeting place. Delegates were present from Rocky Mount, Raleigh, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Kinston and Asheville.

Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, convention hostess, left for Atlantic City by plane after adjournment. She was to be guest speaker at a dinner of federation organizations of that city last night.

MRS. MARY BETHUNE URGES PRESIDENT TO TRUST WOMEN

WASHINGTON, June 12—(AP)—Back in her desk here after an extended illness, Mary McLeod Bethune, founder and president of the National Council of Negro Women, this week addressed a letter to President Franklin D. Roosevelt in which she expressed, for the council, faith in his leadership and an unwavering adherence to a program of national defense. The letter reads in part:

"In the ranks of Negro womanhood in America are to be found ability and capacity for leadership, for administrative as well as routine tasks, for the type of service so necessary in a program of national defense. These are citizens whose past records at home and in war service abroad, whose unquestioned loyalty to their country and its ideals, and whose sincere and enthusiastic desire to serve you and the nation, indicate how deeply they are concerned that a more realistic American Democracy, as envisioned by those not blinded by racial prejudices, shall be maintained and perpetuated."

Offering her own services to the program, Mrs. Bethune urged the president to make use of the services of qualified Negro women as one of the active forces working toward the protection of American democracy.

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June 18, 1940

Women's Clubs Hold Annual State Meeting

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., June 17.—The Forty-Second Session of the Alabama Federation of Colored Women's Clubs was concluded here Friday evening with representatives from more than a score of clubs present.

The sessions were held at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church. Mrs. H. M. Gibbs, State president, presided at the opening meeting. The State officers in addition to the president are: Mrs. A. W. Davis, vice-president-at-large, Tusculumbia; Mrs. F. S. Simpson, first vice-president, Ensley; Mrs. H. S. Wingfield, second vice-president, Mt. Meigs; Mrs. A. L. M. Hall, third vice-president, Tuscaloosa; Mrs. E. A. Trammell, fourth vice-president, Anniston; Mrs. M. L. Carroll, recording secretary, Selma; Mrs. A. B. McKenzie, corresponding secretary, Tuscaloosa; Mrs. E. J. Wright, assistant corresponding secretary, Tuscaloosa; Mrs. M. B. Gaillard, treasurer, Birmingham; Mrs. A. M. Brown, chairman, executive board, Birmingham; Mrs. A. V. Mundy, chairman, program committee, Tuskegee Institute; Mrs. H. V. Richardson, chairman of publicity, Tuskegee Institute; Mrs. M. W. Green, chaplain, Bessemer; Mrs. C. Wyatt, assistant chaplain, Birmingham; Mrs. I. K. Campfield, Tuskegee Institute, statistician, Tuskegee Institute; Mrs. R. M. Littlefield, Gadsden, historian; Mrs. Effie Goode, parliamentarian, Mobile. The general theme of the meeting was "Club Work an Agency in Solving Negro Problems in Alabama."

A feature of the opening session was the sectional greetings and cheers by each club represented. On Wednesday evening Mrs. H. M. Gibbs delivered a stirring address. She pointed out the accomplishments of the Alabama Federation during the past year and outlined an ambitious program of useful services for the ensuing year.

One of the most pleasing numbers on the program Thursday and Friday was the community singing conducted by Mrs. Alfreda Gibbs Carpenter. Under the direction of Mrs. Kate M. Mack, the Junior Hour was held on Friday morning. Many timely subjects were discussed by the girls and members of the group furnished delightful music.

A musical recital featuring Mrs. Jimmie Hurd Martin, soprano, accompanied by Mrs. Lillian W. Foreman, also Mrs. Alfreda Gibbs Carpenter, pianist, pleased a large and appreciative audience.

The morning sessions were given

over to programs of various kinds, including meetings of the executive board.

The visiting delegates enjoyed many social courtesies which had been arranged by the club women of Birmingham.

Many citizens realized the value of the Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs as an institution. The Federation is the means of securing on a larger scale the objectives for which the clubs in every community are working—objectives that can but mean the enrichment of all life.

Porters' Auxiliary to Hold Biennial Meet

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, which is affiliated with the A. F. of L. will hold its Biennial Convention in the International Headquarters of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, 217 West 125th Street, New York, September 16-19, inclusive. The preliminary activities of the Convention will include a parade, followed by a mass meeting at the Salem Methodist Episcopal Church, 129th Street and 7th Avenue, Sunday, September 15, at 3 o'clock P.M. The Ladies' Auxiliary president,

Mae M. Dailey, St. Louis, Missouri, 2nd international vice-president, will be the guest of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters on these two occasions which

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Negro Community Women to Continue Summer Program

The Jordan Park Women's Community club (negro) is giving the fourth in a series of summer programs, Sunday afternoon, in the community hall. This program is under the direction of Leola Johnson and will have as guest speaker M. L. Pierce, principal of the Jordan Elementary school. Along with this part of the program a special program of music will be rendered composed of negro spirituals, melodies and also community singing. The public is invited to attend.

Wednesday night, Prof. Edward R. Wheaton will present his WPA chorus in a recital of negro music and popular songs in the Jordan Park community hall at 8:30 o'clock. Negro spirituals and melodies will be featured on this program. The public is invited to attend.

The First Baptist Institutional church (negro) in keeping with its policy of keeping variety in the Sunday evening services and with the desire of offering the best possible groups to the members in recital or on programs of any kind will present at the services tomorrow night the famous and well known "S. O. S." quartet in a spiritual recital. The public is invited to attend.

The Ladies Auxiliary was organized August, 1925, in New York City by the Brotherhood president, A. Philip Randolph, and was known at that time as The Colored Women's Economic Council. As rapidly as circumstances and conditions would permit an auxiliary was set up in each of the Brotherhood Divisions until today there are 44 such organizations throughout this country and Canada.

In July, 1938, a National call was issued by the International president, A. Philip Randolph requesting the auxiliary representatives to assemble the following September, in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of being organized into an International Organization. This was to represent the first and only group of Negro Women to be organized on an International scale by a duly recognized Negro International Labor Organization. The following officials were elected at that time by the Convention delegates:

Halena Wilson, Chicago, Illinois, International president.

Rosina C. Tucker, Washington, D. C., international secretary-treasurer.

Katherine Lassiter, New York

Highlights Of Southeastern Biennial And Tuskegee Institute

BY MRS. W. A. SCOTT, SR.

The 10th Biennial of the Southern Women's Association was held where it was organized 20 years ago—at Tuskegee.

Visitors to Tuskegee are always impressed with its cleanliness beauty, and sacredness—it is a hallowed spot.

Mrs. C. W. Brooks of Birmingham was one of the very active workers at this meeting and always on the job.

We regret to hear of the illness of the husband of our friend, Mrs. J. E. Johnson of Mississippi, which kept her from the meeting.

It was the good fortune of Mrs. C. W. Brooks and the writer to be guests in the hospitable, lovely home of Dr. and Mrs. T. T. Tildon.

Among the lovely young ladies we met at Tuskegee are Miss Margaret Washington, granddaughter of the famous educator and the Misses Campbell, daughters of Prof. and Mrs. T. M. Campbell.

Mrs. Mary Martin, hostess of Dorothy Hall, impresses all guests with its fine hospitality.

Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown (N. C.), Mrs. S. A. Clark, (Ga.) and Mrs. M. M. Hubert (Miss.) always exemplify that high type of refinement and culture that is admirable, always lady-like and dignified. Women like these are a credit to any race.

The guests were served in the large spacious dining room on the second floor of Dorothy Hall by Mrs. Juanita Dobbs and four very efficient assistants, Misses Rosalie and Ethera Mathews, Miss Mozeile Davis and Mr. Jas. Lomax.

Young people who can go out in life capable of arranging flowers, linen, china, cut glass, and silver and serving appetizing, attractive foods like these young people, will never go lacking for a job.

We were glad to greet our old friend, Mrs. Willie Gaines Rogers of Valdosta, Georgia. Mrs. Rogers has charge of the Home Economics department of her home high school and is in Tuskegee getting more of this valuable art.

It was a pleasure to meet Miss Zee A. Anderson at the S. E. for the first time. Miss Anderson is a resident of Mound Bayou, Miss., and an instructor of Jackson College, Mississippi.

Alabama has 57 clubs and a real live-wire president—Mrs. Gibbs of Montgomery.

We missed the presence and helpfulness of an old S. E. worker, Mrs. Mattie L. Walker of Atlanta, who was kept away by illness. The S. E. president, Mrs. Ora B. Stokes, LL. B. (Richmond) made a masterful address: "Yesterday's Achievements, Tomorrow's Challenges." Standing forth the platform on the organization.

We were all glad to see Mrs. S. A. Clark of Cordelle at the dinner table Sunday. Georgia is proud of her orator president—especially so as she eloquently delivered the response to the welcome addresses at the mass meeting.

Mrs. D. O. Calloway, vice president of the Tuskegee Woman's Club, Mrs. A. P. Mack and Mrs. T. M. Campbell and others of the club were always on hand to make everybody happy.

The beautiful Tea honoring the guests Sunday afternoon was one of the very beautiful gestures that no visitor will forget.

Dr. Williams said in one of his fine talks: "Public institutions cannot make the contributions to the higher values in education that the private ones do." He regretted the passing of Barber College and exhorted the women to help the private institutions to stand.

Tuskegee has a wonderful power

plant—furnishes light, heat, power, water and at times has carried the town of Tuskegee. All the work is done by Negroes.

When many banks closed some time ago the bank at Tuskegee took over the banking business of the town.

A big clinic is held yearly at Tuskegee during which hundreds of operations are performed by white and colored doctors.

The great government hospital is valued at two and a half, millions, occupies over 500 acres and has a capacity of 1500 beds; has 625 employees—all colored, 23 doctors, 2 dentists, 125 women nurses and stenographers. All are subject to civil service examinations.

Dr. T. T. Tildon is clinical director of the Veterans Hospital. Dr. and Mrs. Tildon have four lovely children, Hortense and Betty; Baby John and Touissant.

Dr. W. T. B. Williams, Vice president of Tuskegee proved himself a wonderful host according to the ladies of the S. E.

Prof. Austin W. Curtis, assistant to Dr. G. W. Carver is at present a visitor to the Ford Laboratories in Detroit and is being accorded every privilege and courtesy.

One of the most interesting characters at the meeting, (possibly the most interesting) was Mrs. James A. Brown of Montclair, N. J., the 78 year-old mother of the president. Mrs. Brown put in every minute attending sessions and "seeing Tuskegee."

Bee Women Endorse Her 7-28-40



MRS. REBECCA STILES TAYLOR, founder and past president of the Chicago Federation of Women, past president of the Georgia State Federation, founder and past president of the Southeastern Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, the first executive secretary of the National Association of Colored Women, and at present a member of its administrative board, who will be presented as a candidate for presidency of the N. A. C. W. at its 22nd biennial convention in Oklahoma City, Okla., July, 1941. Well known throughout the country as an educator, social and civic worker and an experienced journalist, Mrs. Taylor at present is copy reader and columnist for the Chicago Defender. (ANP Photo)

Southeastern Federation Closes Fine Session At Tuskegee, Ala.

By MRS. W. A. SCOTT SR.

TUSKEGEE INST., Ala.—(S.N.S.)—The Southeastern Federation of Colored Women's Clubs held a splendid three day session at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, the guests of the Tuskegee Woman's Club of which Mrs. D. O. Calloway is vice president. The general theme of the conference was: "Yesterday's Accomplishments — Tomorrow's Challenge".

The Southeastern Federation is composed of Virginia, North and South Carolina, Tenn., Georgia, Florida and Mississippi and meets biannually.

OPENS WITH DEVOTION

The session opened at 10:30 a. m. in the Home Economics Building with a devotion conducted by Rev. T. R. Newman. Appropriate remarks were made by the president, Mrs. Ora B. Stokes, LL. B. of Richmond. Words of greetings were brought by Mesdames. Mary Ransom, Rebecca Jeffries, O. K. Brown, Amanda Bowen, Ida F. Henderson, Clara M. Wilson, C. W. Brooks, F. M. Campbell and Miss Madelin Graves. Dr. W. T. Williams, vice president of Tuskegee, extended a hearty welcome.

At the afternoon session the minutes of the Atlanta meeting in 1938 were read by the secretary Mrs. W. A. Scott. Mrs. H. M. Gibbs reported the special session at the national meeting in Boston in 1938. Mrs. Rebecca Stiles Taylor gave a fine talk urging the women to arouse themselves to the tasks before them. She emphasized: Intensive Organization, Constructive Citizenship and Interracial Cooperation.

Mrs. R. F. Moton, national president, brought greetings and deplored the absence of some of the states and the present lethargy and urged all to work in peace.

A motorcade covering Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee the town and the Veterans Hospital was enjoyed by the visitors.

HOLD MASS MEETING

The mass meeting in the auditorium of the Boys' Trades building Sunday was largely attended. The speakers were Mesdames. Ora Brown Stokes, Charlotte Hawkins Brown, S. A. Clark, H. M. Gibbs, R. F. Moton and Dr. W. T. Williams.

Dr. John Chenault spoke of the Infantile Paralysis Center being erected at Tuskegee and work being done for crippled children.

The musical selections of Mrs. Nealy and the M. M. Washington Club Juniors were enjoyed by all. Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune and Dr. F. D. Patterson sent telegrams endorsing our work and expressing their regret at being unable to be present. Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown urged the women "to come closer together to close up ranks and try diligently to work out the problems of our section. Let us face the truth. Work out a philosophy of attack. Have a definite program," said the speaker.

Vice President Williams of Tuskegee paid fine tribute to the great work Negro women have done for Tuskegee. He referred to their fine contribution of sympathy understanding and service as well as money. "Negro women hold the families together as do the women of no other race and are

Mrs. Johnson Of Mississippi Is Named President

often the wage earners in the home. The most influential character in Negro life today is a woman—Mary McLeod Bethune."

ELECT OFFICERS

The officers elected were: President, Mrs. Jennie E. Johnson Prentiss, Miss.; Mrs. Ida F. Henderson, vice president at large, Atlanta; Mrs. W. A. Scott, recording Secretary, Atlanta; Mrs. Dovie S. Elocks, Cor. secretary, Birmingham Ala.; Mrs. A. P. Mack, treasurer Tuskegee; Mrs. Ora Stokes, chairman Executive Board, Richmond.

One of the very beneficial numbers of the meeting was the fine symposium on the "Home, Mother and Child" conducted by Mrs. Henderson (Georgia) assisted by Mrs. Ransom (Virginia), Mrs. Wilson (Alabama) and Miss M. Graves (Georgia).

A very impressive and beautiful ceremony took place at the grave of Mrs. Margaret Murray Washington. The large group assembled and listened as Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown paid the departed

co-worker a high tribute for the great service she has rendered and then placed a beautiful wreath on her resting place.

The next meeting of the biennial session will be held either in Mississippi or Virginia.

Mrs. Bethune to Be Fair Speaker

NEW YORK—Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, NYA administrator and nationally known educator, will make her first public appearance since her recent illness when she delivers the opening address on National Council of Negro Women's Day, at the World's Fair, Saturday, July 27. Among the women to be honored on that day will be:

Edith Sampson, attorney, of Chicago; Dorothy Hendrickson, educator, of New York City; Sarah Spencer Washington, business woman, of Atlantic City; Leila T. Alexander, social worker, of Washington, D.C.; T. Kelly, grand secretary of the Daughters Elks, Washington, D.C.; Christine Caldwell, musician, recently returned from Italy and now residing in Brooklyn; Lois Jones, artist, of Washington, D.C.; Evelyn Reynolds, author of Philadelphia; Reba Speaks, nurse, of Cincinnati; Mrs. Layton, clubwoman, of New York City, and Frances Williams, VWCA worker, of St. Louis.

Southwest Regional Association Of Colored Women's Clubs Opened Convention Sunday

Organization Hold Initial Mass Meeting In First Baptist Church In Muskogee

Economic Problems Discussed

MUSKOGEE, Okla.—The second annual session of the Southwest Regional Association of Colored Women's Clubs opened Sunday, August 18, at the First Baptist church presided over by Miss Annie B. Gilliam, president.

The theme of the meeting is "Educating for Tomorrow's America." Delegates from Arkansas, Texas, Mexico, Oklahoma and California were in attendance.

Among those scheduled for appearance on the program are Mrs. F. Brackeen, president of the Texas Federation; Mrs. J. M. Minner, president of the Federated Club Women of Muskogee.

The initial mass meeting was held in the First Baptist church, beginning at 2 p. m. Sunday. Mrs. L. E. Kiff, president of the Oklahoma Federation of Colored Women, presided and presented Miss Gilliam after the opening exercises. Welcome was extended by Mrs. Kelly Brown and Rev. R. A. King on behalf of city ministers.

The guest speaker for this meeting was Mrs. A. B. Dement. Echoes from state presidents of the regional district were heard. Music for the occasion included vocal numbers by Mrs. Hattie Solomon, Miss Sammie Sadler and Miss Eliza M. Elliott.

Business Session Held

Monday morning was devoted to an executive seminar, with the appointment of various committees and special group singing led by Mrs. M. Williams. Monday afternoon a symposium, "What Is Our Role in Adjusting Perils of Present America?" was led by the Louisiana delegation, with discussants participating from Texas. Mrs. C. Hewitt Cooper Luther, told of the club's Youth Movement. A 20-minute program was presented by the Oklahoma

club, superintendent of the State Hospital for Insane, and T. H. Scott, principal of D. B. and O. gave messages of welcome. A brief history of the Boys and Girls Training School was given by Mrs. H. P. Jacobson, Oklahoma City.

Local Program Staged

A formal welcome program was presented Monday evening beginning at 8 o'clock at Mt. Calvary Baptist church, Mrs. Moxie Weaver King, recording secretary of the Southwest Region, presiding. Greetings were extended on behalf of the schools by Prof. S. L. Sadler. Mr. Grant Smith gave welcome for Muskogee business men; Dr. D. E. Wallace, for the professional group; Mrs. N. W. Green for the Muskogee Federation, and Mrs. E. E. Weaver for the State Federation. Response was made by Mrs. S. Gravely, Little Rock, Ark. Music was rendered by the Federation chorus. Miss Delores Falk gave an instrumental number and Miss Dorothy Jennison sang.

Economic Problems Discussed

A business session was scheduled for Tuesday morning. Tuesday afternoon's program was held at Antioch Baptist church, with Mrs. A. E. S. Johnson, first vice president of the Southwest Region Federation, presiding. Miss Gilliam, who was presented by Mrs. Kahn, Pine Bluff, Ark., gave the annual address. The activities opened Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, presided over by Mrs. L. E. Hutton, second vice president. Mrs. Maude J. Brockway, president of the Oklahoma City Federation of Colored Women, conducted a parliamentary school of instruction. "Economic Problems Confronting Our Race" was the subject of an interesting discussion led by Mrs. P. D. James of Little Rock, Ark.

Close Meet at D. B. and O.

The closing conference for the session was held Wednesday evening at D. B. and O. Institute at Taft, Okla., in charge of Mrs. T. P. Scott. Major H. C. McCor-

Testimonials Service Draws Large Crowd

State Leaders Pay
Glowing Tributes
To Militant Lady
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HAMPTON, Va. — In historic Ogden Hall at Hampton Institute before an audience estimated at more than 500 persons, where she, in her own words, "learned to respect hard work," Mrs. Janie Porter Barrett was singularly honored Sunday as a "woman of vision" in what has been described as one of the most impressive testimonial services ever held on the institute campus.

The venerable Mrs. Barrett, small of stature and soft-spoken, is founder and honorary president of the Virginia State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs and founder of the Virginia Industrial School for Colored Girls at Peakes, where she has served as superintendent for 25 years, previous to her recent retirement.

OUTSTANDING SPEAKERS

The testimonial services, sponsored by the state federation brought to the Ogden Hall platform some of the state's most outstanding leaders in educational, fraternal, civic, and religious pursuits, whose spoken tributes and gift presentations to Mrs. Barrett evidenced their respect and esteem for her and her great contribution to the welfare of delinquent Negro girls in Virginia.

Mrs. Margaret R. Johnson of Richmond, federation auditor, presided over the ceremony which opened with a prelude by Director Ernest Hays of the Hampton school of music. Devotions were conducted by the Rev. C. A. Chazeaud, chaplain. The audience participated in the singing of the federation song.

Major Walter R. Brown, dean of men, extended the welcome to Hampton Institute. Dr. Flemmie

P. Kittrell, dean of women, introduced President Malcolm MacLean, who officially extended greetings to the honoree, the state federation, and attendants.

Tribute from the Virginia State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs was voiced by Mrs. Wanser I. Webb, Norfolk, president of the organization.

PARTICIPANTS LISTED

Individuals closely associated with the honoree and individuals representing organizations bringing greetings during the course of the ceremonies included the following:

Mrs. Lizzie B. Burns, chairman of the federation board of control of Virginia; Mrs. R. R. Moton, Capahosic, Va., president of the National Association of Colored Women; Mrs. Martha C. McNeil of Richmond; Mrs. I. K. Redd, president of the Hanover Women's Club; Dr. John M. Gandy, president of Virginia State College; W. L. Painter of the Commission of Public Welfare, Richmond; Dr. Early Fox of Randolph Macon College; Attorney T. C. Walker, of Gloucester; Mrs. H. N. F. Walker, Richmond, secretary, St. Luke Order; Mrs. C. E. Jones, Newport News, president of the Women's Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention of Virginia; Dr. William H. Hughes of Richmond, and the Rev. J. E. Harris, pastor of Bethel AME Church, Hampton.

Following the remarks in which Mrs. Barrett, a Harmon award honoree, was variously described as a "woman of vision," "idealist," "producer of a factory wherein human character is molded," and suggested for the degree of doctor of humanities, President Webb of the federation made the principal presentation of the ceremony.

CHAIR PRESENTED

The gift, a lounging chair and robe, was followed by other presentations, which included a purse from the organization presented by Mrs. Hazel Reid, treasurer, of Portsmouth, and a bound volume of letters from members of the organization, presented by Mrs. W. H. Hughes of Richmond.

Mrs. Barrett's response was greeted with thunderous applause. She expressed gratitude to those who aided in the development of the industrial school, "an outstanding example of what can be accomplished through cooperation," and voiced a desire that a time of complete understanding between

Hampton and the state would soon be realized.

LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS

Letters, telegrams, and representations were also heard from: Dr. J. A. Brinkley, representing Dr. W. J. Clarke of Virginia Union University; Mrs. Sarah Fernandez of Baltimore, Md.; P. B. Young of the Journal and Guide; Mrs. Arsenia L. Williams of the St. Louis Federated Women's Clubs; David E. Sire of the Magic City (Roanoke) Nursing Association; Mrs. J. L. Taylor of Richmond; L. R. Reynolds, director of the Vir-

ginia Interracial Commission; Miss Nannie H. Burroughs of Washington, D. C.; Dr. S. C. Mitchell of the University of Richmond, and numerous others.

Music was furnished at intervals by the Hampton Quartet, an octet from the industrial school, and Willie Thomas Jones of Virginia Union University.

An informal reception was held at Katherine House on the campus at the close of the ceremony.

A Well Deserved Tribute

IN holding a public testimonial meeting in honor of Mrs. Janie Porter Barrett, the Virginia State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs has paid a deserving tribute to one of the state's most distinguished citizens and humanitarians.

And it was typical of the woman that in her response to the kind words which had been spoken of her and out of appreciation for the gifts with which she had been presented, she should express gratitude to those pioneers who aided her in the development of the Girl's Industrial School which she described as "an outstanding example of what can be accomplished through cooperation."

The State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs has not only honored Mrs. Barrett, but has honored itself in paying this well deserved tribute. The suggestion that this "woman of vision," should be honored with the degree of doctor of humanities, should command the earnest attention of some of our institutions of higher learning.